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Applicant : Remacle et al.
 App. No. : 09/582,817
 Filed : November 8, 2000
 For : METHOD COMPRISING CAPTURE
 MOLECULE FIXED ON DISC SURFACE
 Examiner : Bradley L. Sisson
 Group Art Unit : 1634

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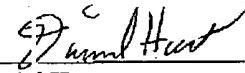
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Transmitted herewith for filing and consideration in the above-referenced application are the following items:

- (X) Request for Continued Examination
- (X) Amendment/Response in 8 pages.
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

Previously submitted:

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .

Enclosed:

- Amendment/Reply
- Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Return Postcard

2. Miscellaneous:

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months).

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3. Fees:

- RCE fee (\$385 for small entity)
 Fee for suspension (\$130)
 Extension of Time fee:
 One Month (\$55/\$110)
 Two Month (\$210/\$420)
 Three Month (\$475/\$950)

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of \$385.00 and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.